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ROOM 302 - 7:30 AM

MAIN SESSION

ROOM 302 - 8:30 AM

OPENING REMARKS

8:30 AM

DR. RODOLFO H. TORRES, VICE CHANCELLOR
UCR RESEARCH & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

8:45 AM

PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
MAYOR OF RIVERSIDE

UCR OASIS™ ENTREPRENEURSHIP & CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMS

9:00 AM

DR. ROSIBEL OCHOA, ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR
UCR OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS

THE INLAND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM

ROOM 302 - 10:00 AM

MODERATOR:

DR. MARTIN KLECKNER

DIRECTOR OF UC RIVERSIDE'S EPIC SBDC
OFFICE OF TECH PARTNERSHIPS

4 PANELISTS FROM THE PRIVATE AND
PUBLIC SECTOR DISCUSS THE CURRENT
STATE OF THE REGION'S
ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM.

NICHOLAS ADCOCK

PRESIDENT/CEO
GREATER RIVERSIDE CHAMBERS OF
COMMERCE

JAMES LEE

SENIOR CONSULTANT
MILLER CENTER FOR SOCIAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ARIANE GONZALEZ

DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ALAN GONZALES

REGIONAL INNOVATION OFFICER
IMPERIAL COUNTY

SOCAL OASIS™ ENTREPRENEURIAL FELLOWS

ROOM 302 - 11:00 AM

MODERATOR:

DR. FRANCISCA REYES

CAMPUS DIRECTOR OF UCR
BLACKSTONE LAUNCHPAD

SOCAL OASIS™ EARLY CAREER FACULTY
CLIMATE ENTREPRENEURIAL FELLOWS
SHARE THEIR RESEARCH PROJECTS.

DR. BASAK GULER

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER
ENGINEERING

DR. SAMANTHA YING

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SOIL
BIOGEOCHEMISTRY
CO-DIRECTOR, UCGHI PLANETARY
HEALTH CENTER

DR. JEOFFREY GEORGE

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
AND PLANT SCIENCES

DR. XI CHEN

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER
ENGINEERING

DR. WILLIAM GROVER

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR
BIOENGINEERING

DR. STAVROULA FILI

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER
NAGEL LAB, DEPARTMENT OF
BOTANY AND PLANT SCIENCES

LUNCH & KEYNOTE: CE-CERT RESEARCH EFFORTS IN CLIMATE MITIGATION, ADAPTATION, AND RESILIENCY

ROOM 302 - 12:30 PM

DR. MATTHEW BARTH

PROFESSOR & ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR
RESEARCH AND GRADUATE EDUCATION

AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT CE-CERT'S PIONEERING RESEARCH INITIATIVES IN CLIMATE MITIGATION, ADAPTATION, AND RESILIENCE, SHOWCASING HOW INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION DRIVES INNOVATION IN AIR QUALITY, ENERGY, AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION TO ADDRESS SOCIETY'S MOST PRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES.

2024 SOCIAL OASIS™ SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE

ROOM 302 - 2:00 PM

MODERATOR: DR. FRANCIS REYES

CAMPUS DIRECTOR OF UCR
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ZEF NEEMUCHWALA

CEO, SUPER FOAM

DR. MARK HATCH

CEO, 4TH STATE ENERGIES

2024 SOCIAL OASIS™ SUSTAINABILITY
CHALLENGE WINNERS TALK ABOUT
THEIR ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEYS.

COOPER PROULX

CEO, HEX HOMES

BRIDGING HORIZONS: COLLABORATION FOR A RESILIENT INLAND FUTURE

ROOM 355 - 2:00 PM

AS THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE
CHANGE ACCELERATES,
COLLABORATION, INNOVATION,
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ARE
ESSENTIAL IN DRIVING TANGIBLE,
IMPACTFUL SOLUTIONS. THIS
PANEL DISCUSSION UNITES
LEADING HIGHER EDUCATION
AND COMMUNITY EXPERTS IN
SUSTAINABILITY TO EXPLORE
INVENTIVE APPROACHES TO
CLIMATE ACTION, RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT, AND REGIONAL
COLLABORATION.

TABETHA JOHNSON

DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH
A SIERRA UNIVERSITY
SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES PROGRAM

DR. JENNIFER HELBLEY

TITLE V PROJECT DIRECTOR
LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY
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HEATHER ZAPPIA

PROGRAM MANAGER OF HUMAN CAPITAL
UPLIFT SAN BERNARDINO

CHAIN LINK: HOW BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY ENABLES CIRCULAR SUPPLY CHAINS

ROOM 367 - 2:00 PM

BRETT BLALOCK

FOUNDER
INFINITY

BRETT BLALOCK IS THE FOUNDER OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY PLATFORM INFINITY. IN THIS PANEL YOU WILL DISCOVER HOW BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY ENHANCES TRANSPARENCY AND TRACEABILITY IN CIRCULAR SUPPLY CHAINS, DRIVING SUSTAINABILITY AND EFFICIENCY ACROSS INDUSTRIES.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & CLIMATE RESILIENCE: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

ROOM 302 - 3:00 PM

DR. TAGHREED HIKMET

SENIOR LECTURER, INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS, STRATEGY &
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

A GLOBAL EXPLORATION OF HOW ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERVES AS A
CATALYST FOR INNOVATIVE CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE,
HIGHLIGHTING DIVERSE STRATEGIES AND SUCCESS STORIES FROM
INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES.

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